

### REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 18-20 are considered as allowable by the Examiner.

At the same time, claims 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Also, the drawings are objected to since the recesses of claims 18, 20 and 21 must be shown.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 18-20 has been gratefully acknowledged.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, claim 18 has been amended in line 8 and claim 20 has been amended in lines 10-11.

It is believed that the Examiner's grounds for the formal rejection of these claims should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Claims 18-20 should be therefore considered as being now in allowable condition.

In view of the Examiner's objection to the Information Disclosure Statement because of poor quality registration, it is respectfully submitted that the documents of the Information Disclosure Statement were scanned and transmitted electronically which most probably resulted in poor quality of the documents. With the present Amendment, applicants submitted the documents of the Information Disclosure Statement by mail which has better quality. It is believed that the Examiner's objection to the Information Disclosure Statement should be withdrawn.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the drawings, it is respectfully submitted that the recess of claim 18 (reference numeral 28) between two brushes 24, 25 is shown in Figure 3 and named in the description "remaining strip 28". The recesses in the mounting means (brush roller 35) of claims 20 and 21 are shown in Figure 6. The

specification has been correspondingly amended and corrected Figure 6 has been submitted.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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